

ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS UP 3 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

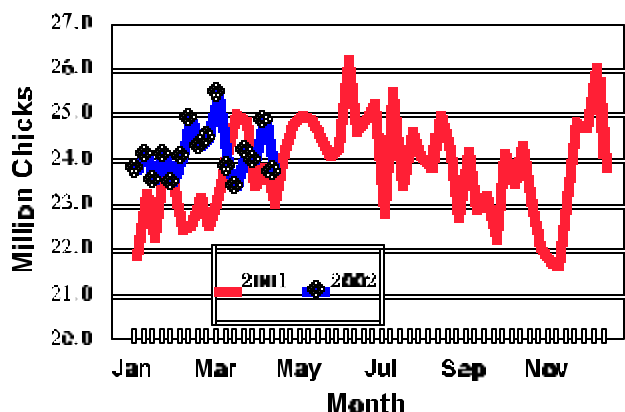
Broiler-type **chicks placed** for meat production in Arkansas was 23.8 million during the week ending April 20, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were up 3 percent from the comparable week in 2001, but 5 percent below the previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2001 through April 20, 2002 were 387.4 million, up 3 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type **chicks hatched** for the week was 24.7 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, but down 3 percent from the previous week. Of the total hatch, 3.2 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.9 percent.

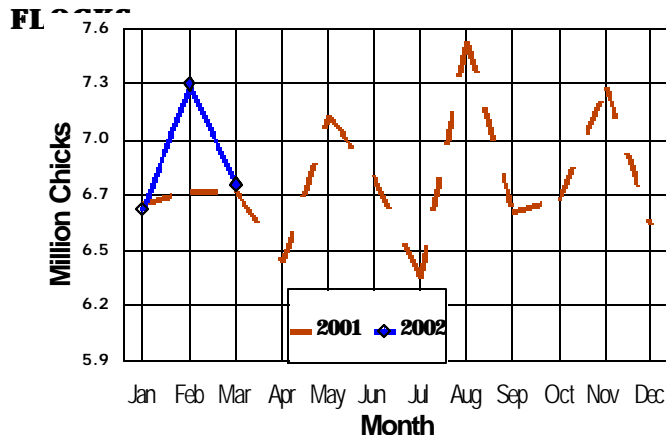
Arkansas hatcheries **set** 30.2 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending April 20, 2002, up slightly from the same period last year, but down 3 percent from the previous week.

Leading breeders in the **UNITED STATES** placed 6.8 million **broiler-type pullet chicks** for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during March 2002, slightly above March 2001.

ARKANSAS BROILER CHICK PLACEMENTS BY WEEK, 2001 - 2002



U.S. BROILER-TYPE PULLET CHICKS PLACED FOR DOMESTIC HATCHERY SUPPLY



NET PLACEMENTS IN ARKANSAS

Week Ending	Year		% Change
	2001	2002	
	1,000		
Mar.	24,353	23,918	98
Mar.	25,105	23,490	94
Mar.	24,931	24,294	97
Apr.	23,484	24,056	102
Apr.	23,908	24,951	104
Apr.	23,120	23,786	103

U.S. PULLET CHICKS PLACED

Month	Year		% Change
	2000-01	2001-02	
	1,000		
Oct.	6,694	6,704	100
Nov.	7,105	7,261	102
Dec.	6,429	6,577	102
Jan.	6,685	6,660	100
Feb.	6,748	7,275	108
Mar.	6,752	6,775	100

BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	%	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	%
Alabama	29,543	29,181	29,432 *	29,297	102	21,997	22,769	22,372	21,763	22,191 *	22,148	106
ARKANSAS	29,747	30,730	30,962	30,175	100	23,918	23,490	24,294	24,056	24,951	23,786	103
Delaware	3,537	3,556	3,545	3,501	93	5,239	5,167	4,762	5,708	4,734	4,769	86
Florida	2,368	2,335	2,349	2,363	99	2,277	2,165	2,215	2,321	2,303 *	2,591	108
Georgia	31,260 *	32,297 *	31,948 *	32,301	101	25,927	25,692	26,126	26,128	25,905 *	25,604	100
Maryland	9,618	9,979	9,710	9,961	102	5,874	5,970	6,050	5,815	5,944	6,612	125
Mississippi	18,945	19,079	19,024	18,645	101	15,988	15,553	15,550	15,542	15,423	16,057	105
N. Carolina	19,347 *	19,565	18,842	20,269	109	15,377	15,734	15,491	14,771	15,423	15,161	103
Pennsylvania	3,720	4,001	3,835	3,912	106	2,798	2,717	2,719	2,693	2,722	2,781	101
S. Carolina	4,717	4,709	4,781	4,668	93	3,951	3,805	3,829	3,623	4,143	4,376	111
Texas	15,368	15,560	15,463	15,461	102	12,186	12,157	12,096	12,102	12,215	12,235	106
Virginia	6,573	6,041	6,504	6,451	96	5,764	5,734	5,661	6,211	5,376	4,990	82
CA TN & W VA	11,087	11,378	11,640	11,177	97	9,873	9,690	10,850	9,783	9,323	9,355	87
Total 2002	185,830 *	188,411 *	188,035 *	188,181		151,169	150,643	152,015	150,516	150,653 *	150,465	
Total 2001	184,466	188,248	187,312	185,833		150,422	152,217	151,659	149,544	150,134	147,931	
% PREV. YEAR	101	100	100	101		100	99	100	101	100	102	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						04-May	11-May	18-May	25-May	01-Jun	08-Jun	

* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,326	6,798	6,724	6,607	--	5,589	5,368	5,330	5,149	5,144	5,271	--
*Oklahoma	6,271	6,449	6,339	6,592	--	4,751	4,770	4,928	5,377	4,778	4,642	--
*LA & MO	8,960	9,215	9,227	8,736	--	10,873	10,373	8,875	7,755	8,808	8,773	--
19 StateTotal	207,387	210,873	210,325	210,116		172,382	171,154	171,148	168,797	169,383	169,151	

* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 188 million eggs during the week ending April 20, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 2 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 150 million chicks for meat production during the week ending April 20, 2002. Placements were up 2 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through April 20, 2002 were 2.40 billion, up 2 percent the same period a year earlier.